



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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- 2. DNR, wind advocates and wildlife groups meet to discuss wind siting guidelines**

DNR SEEKS INPUT ON MAJOR WATER SOURCES – COULD IMPACT ANIMAL CONFINEMENT CONSTRUCTION

DES MOINES – The DNR is seeking public comment on a proposed expansion of the list of major water sources.

“These are additions and corrections to an existing list because some stream segments were missing,” said Gene Tinker, coordinator of the DNR’s animal feeding operations program.

Tinker added that the changes could have an effect on the construction or expansion of confinement buildings and manure storage structures.

“There is a setback distance of 1,000 feet from a major water source that all sizes of confinements must meet when constructing, modifying or expanding,” Tinker said.

A similar setback of 500 feet is required for confinement feeding operations that build, modify or expand near a water source.

The setback distances do not apply for confinement producers who provide a secondary containment barrier that meets DNR standards.

People can make comments at a public meeting to be held at 1:30 p.m., Dec. 1, in the fourth floor conference room of the Wallace Building, 502 East Ninth St., in Des Moines.

Written comments can also be sent to the DNR at the Wallace Building address by midnight or postmarked on Dec. 1.

For more information and a list of the proposed major water sources, check the DNR Web site at <http://www.iowadnr.com/epc/05oct/14.pdf>.

For more information, contact Gene Tinker at (563) 927-2640.

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DNR, WIND ADVOCATES AND WILDLIFE GROUPS MEET TO DISCUSS WIND SITING GUIDELINES

DES MOINES – Responding to growing interest in wind energy generation in the state, as well as concern over potential impacts to Iowa wildlife, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources convened a group on October 26, 2005 to discuss wind and wildlife issues.

The group will continue to meet through 2006 and will develop a map showing areas of concern relating to wildlife that could be used when siting proposed wind turbines. Although only counties have regulatory authority over wind siting, the group may recommend a voluntary set of guidelines wind developers should follow when siting turbines in sensitive areas, to allow for maximum economic development in the state with minimum impact on wildlife.

Meeting participants included representatives from the American Wind Energy Association, Iowa Audubon, Iowa State University, the Iowa Renewable Energy Association, MidAmerican Energy, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the Nature Conservancy, the Sierra Club and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

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